

# MARINA READER

LONG BEACH PARKS, RECREATION

&amp; MARINE

## LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Marina Rules and Regulations, Section III.S states the following:

### Recreational Vessel Insurance, Long Beach Marina -

The City of Long Beach Marine Bureau requires that vessels in the marinas hold Liability insurance with limits of at least \$100,000.00. The City, its officials, employees, and volunteers shall be carried as insured under said liability insurance with respect to activities of Permittee (boat owner), and each policy shall be endorsed to state that coverage shall not be cancelled except after prior written notice has been given to the City.

To that effort, we have dedicated staff to ensuring compliance with this regulation. Letters are mailed regularly to permittees that are not in compliance, reminding them of the need for current, and valid certificate of insurance in order to have all permits in compliance with this rule.

To date, our records indicate that 368 of our permittees do not currently have valid insurance on file with our office. This can be for several reasons. Either the term of the existing certificate has expired, and a new one has not been forwarded to our office, the insurance limit is not at least \$100,000, the City is not listed as an insured, we haven't received your certificate, or have been unable to match the certificate received with your permit for various reasons.

If you have received a letter requesting updated insurance information, please do not ignore it, even if you think you are in compliance. You must contact the Marina office at 562/570-8636 and resolve the problem.

The need for insurance not only protects you, should something happen with your boat, it protects your neighbor should something happen that is caused by you. This regulation has been in effect for two years. If a current, valid certificate of insurance is not on file as of October 31, 2006, we are going to begin canceling those permits.

## MARINA WATCH TIP

### MARINA WATCH TIP OF THE MONTH

Your Long Beach Police Department - Marine Patrol Unit offers a couple of suggestions to help secure your shorepower adapter pigtails.

- Write your name, boat's name, and/or CF number onto the cord in large letters using a permanent marker.
- Wrap a small cable lock tightly around the cord, numerous turns, then secure the ends of the cable around the fixed conduit feeding your power box. Leave as little slack in the lock cable as possible.
- Please don't cut, drill, screw-in or otherwise permanently attach any items to the dock box or dock itself. These are violations of marina regulations.

There have been numerous reported thefts of shorepower adapters in the past few months. Please take a few minutes to mark and/or secure yours.



### CORRECTION:

The rates published in the September edition of the Marina Reader will be effective for the City's fiscal year 2007, which begins October 1, 2006. Sorry for any confusion.



### PHONE NUMBERS TO KEEP ON HAND



Marine Patrol Emergency 24 hours a day.....	(562) 435-6711 or 911
Marine Patrol Non-emergency during working hours.....	(562) 570-3216
Maintenance during working hours .....	(562) 570-1582
Alamitos Bay Office .....	(562) 570-3215
Shoreline Office .....	(562) 570-4950
After office hours (entire department) .....	(562) 570-3101

# TIDE CHART FOR OCTOBER 2006

## LOW TIDE

## HIGH TIDE

	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.	AM	Ht.	PM	Ht.
1 Su	11:08	3.5	—	—	7:28	3.8	4:59	5.1
2 M	12:37	0.1	12:19	2.8	7:34	4.2	6:09	5.5
3 Tu	1:16	-0.2	1:09	2.0	7:52	4.7	7:05	5.8
4 W	1:51	-0.3	1:55	1.2	8:15	5.2	7:56	6.0
5 Th	2:24	-0.3	2:40	0.5	8:41	5.7	8:45	6.0
6 F	2:57	0.0	3:26	-0.1	9:10	6.2	9:34	5.7
7 Sa	3:30	0.4	4:13	-0.5	9:41	6.5	10:25	5.3
8 Su	4:02	1.0	5:02	-0.7	10:15	6.7	11:18	4.7
9 M	4:35	1.5	5:55	-0.5	10:51	6.6	—	—
10 Tu	5:08	2.1	6:57	-0.2	12:19	4.1	(11:31)	6.3
11 W	5:42	2.7	8:11	0.1	1:39	3.6	12:17	5.9
12 Th	6:24	3.2	9:40	0.3	3:45	3.4	1:17	5.3
13 F	8:30	3.6	11:04	0.4	6:03	3.7	2:47	4.9
14 Sa	11:04	3.4	—	—	6:47	4.0	4:30	4.7
15 Su	12:06	0.3	12:19	2.9	7:15	4.4	5:47	4.8
16 M	12:50	0.3	1:05	2.4	7:38	4.6	6:43	4.9
17 Tu	1:24	0.4	1:42	1.9	7:58	4.8	7:27	4.9
18 W	1:52	0.5	2:13	1.4	8:16	5.1	8:05	4.9
19 Th	2:15	0.7	2:43	1.0	8:33	5.3	8:41	4.8
20 F	2:36	1.0	3:13	0.6	8:50	5.5	9:15	4.6
21 Sa	2:56	1.3	3:43	0.3	9:08	5.7	9:50	4.4
22 Su	3:15	1.6	4:15	0.2	9:27	5.8	10:26	4.1
23 M	3:34	1.9	4:49	0.1	9:49	5.9	11:06	3.8
24 Tu	3:53	2.2	5:29	0.2	10:13	5.9	11:54	3.5
25 W	4:10	2.5	6:15	0.3	10:40	5.7	—	—
26 Th	4:24	2.8	7:15	0.4	1:00	3.2	(11:13)	5.6
27 F	—	—	8:30	0.5	11:57	5.3	—	—
28 Sa	—	—	9:50	0.5	—	—	1:05	5.0
Pacific Standard Time Starts Sunday October 29 2:00 a.m.								
29 Su	7:53	3.6	9:56	0.3	5:19	3.7	1:48	4.7
30 M	10:03	3.1	10:46	0.2	5:22	4.1	3:30	4.7
31 Tu	11:11	2.3	11:28	0.2	5:41	4.6	4:48	4.9

## Boating Skills and Seamanship

The US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 3-1, will be sponsoring a class on Boating Skills and Seamanship, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning October 11, 2006. This is a 7-week course. The class will be held at Peck Park Recreation Center, 560 N. Western Avenue, San Pedro, (Corner of Western and Crestwood). Cost is \$25.00 for textbooks. For further information or to register, call Howard Kay, 310/833-9577.

## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 03-03

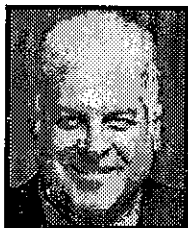
Basic Coastal Navigation is an introduction to coastal piloting for both the experienced and the novice boaters. This eight-week course covers Introduction to Coastal Navigation; The Marine Magnetic Compass; The Nautical Chart; The Navigator's Tools and Instruments; Dead Reckoning; and Piloting.

Many insurance companies will offer discounts on boat insurance to individuals who successfully complete courses such as these along with Sailing Fundamentals or Boating Skills and Seamanship.

All students who successfully complete the course and pass the exam are awarded certificates.

The class will be offered on Thursday nights from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., beginning on October 12, 2006 and will be held at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 11600 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos. Contact Doug Conwell (562-431-0326) or email him at conwellfour@yahoo.com for more information.

# FROM THE MANAGER



By Mark Sandoval,  
Marine Bureau Manager

I have a number of topics to cover this month, so bear with me.

First, we had a situation in the marina that I wanted to discuss and use as an example of how not to deal with a slip cancellation. A permittee donated his vessel to a charitable organization and cancelled his permit at the end of the month. The charitable organization in turn sold the vessel before the end of the month, and I am sure assured the buyer that the slip was good for the remainder of the month. Neither of these transactions were reported to us, and as bad luck would have it, the vessel sank in the slip. When we contacted the permittee, we found out about the vessel changing hands, and the permittee of record did not want "to deal with it." Fortunately for the permittee of record, there was no damage to the marina or other boats on the dock, or we would have had no choice but to act on his insurance policy, or him personally if the policy had been cancelled. In addition, we could not reach the new owner for a period of time because we had no information. The moral of the story is to please notify us of all transactions involving your vessel, for your protection, our protection and the protection of a new owner.

The second topic deals with items stored on the docks. As I have mentioned in the past, we are not allowing anything to be stored on the docks, and are aggressively enforcing this on the new docks in the Shoreline and Rainbow Marinas. At the request of some of our customers, we have brought three items to our Rules and Regulations Committee: satellite dishes, barbecues and dog barriers. This Committee has been very consistent regarding holding fast to the rule and to aggressive enforcement, and that has been supported by the Marine Advisory Commission. As a result, we will continue to restrict any storage on the docks, and enforce the rule to the point of impound if necessary.

The next topic also deals with the Shoreline Marina – washers and dryers. Many years ago, we began offering washers and dryers at two Shoreline Marina restrooms. About a year ago, new washers and dryers were installed, and we began experiencing problems. Many of you are aware of this, because you are reporting the problems to us. We are building a case to cancel the current contract, so please continue to report to us when you experience problems. We are not ignoring the problem, and are hopefully close to a solution.

Another topic I wanted to discuss was filming in the marinas. The City is attempting to become a "filming friendly" City, and are succeeding in doing so. The problem with filming, however, is that the companies do not give us much lead-time to make decisions about venues. We maintain approval rights for all marina-related filming, and make sure that we do not create a hardship for our marina customers. I am bringing this up because we have used hundreds of parking spaces in the Alamitos Bay Marina parking lot on a few occasions over the past month or two. The reason we allow this activity is because we are paid \$6.00 a day for every space utilized, and this revenue is deposited directly in the Marina Fund, which benefits the marinas directly. This revenue is not insignificant - the parking for filming that you may have seen over the past month was generating \$1,800 a day in direct marina revenue, and I do not believe that this created a hardship, because I heard nothing from our customers. The moral of this story is that we will continue to protect your pleasurable use of the marina, but also generate additional revenues to benefit the marinas when possible.

The last topic I want to cover this month relates to a letter to the editor in a recent edition of the Long Beach Marina Boat Owner's Association newsletter. Normally I do not address these letters, but it was very critical of my management of the marina, calling me out by name, and indicating that I "had to go!" For those of you that read this by-line monthly, you probably know that I am not averse to criticism. However, there were two issues I had with this particular letter. The first issue I had was that this customer had never called me with her complaint, and had never given me a chance to address her issue. The second issue I had was that she was blaming me for saying something I never said. When I spoke with her, she admitted she had heard it from another marina customer. As I said, I am not averse to criticism, or defending policies or decisions that I have made. I only ask that before you criticize me in print, please give me a chance to explain my position, and make sure that you are accurate when you blame me for something I have allegedly said. I am always at your disposal to discuss issues you may have with me, or the marina in general.

As always, happy and healthy boating.

**Daylight Savings Time ends  
October 29, 2006, be sure to  
turn back your clocks.**

